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SUBJECT: GOP PURCHASE OF GERMAN SUBMARINES

1. CHILEAN DCM TOLD CHARGE' THAT HE HAD UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT PURCHASE OF FOUR SUBMARINES BY GOP FROM FRG HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR FINANCIAL REASONS AND THAT FRG IS NOW PLANNING TO SELL THESE SAME SUBMARINES TO INDONESIA.

2. DAO SUBSEQUENTLY APPROACHED CAPTAIN ZARIQUIEY, SECRETARY TO MINISTER OF THE NAVY PARODI. ZARIQUIEY STATED THAT GERMAN SUBMARINE PURCHASE WAS STILL ON, WITH DELIVERY SCHEDULED FOR 1982-85, ONE SUBMARINE PER YEAR. MOREOVER, GOP REQUEST TO DOD FOR NEW TORPEDO FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE FOUR AGING AMERICAN SUBMARINES IS LINKED TO GERMAN PURCHASE IN THAT PERU INTENDS TO TRANSFER FIRE CONTROL SYSTEMS TO THE NEW GERMAN SUBS AS THEY ARE DELIVERED. (DAO IS SENDING MORE DETAILED REPORT).

3. WE HAVE TRIED TO QUERY LOCAL REP OF SINGER COMPANY, WHICH HAS INTREST IN SUPPLYING THE FIRE CONTROL SYSTEMS, BUT HE IS CURRENTLY OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

4. COMMENT: CAPTIAN ZARIQUIEY SHOULD BE AWARE OF ANY
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CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF THE SUBMARINE PURCHASE, ALTHOUGH IF A DECISION WERE TAKEN AT THE TOP POLITICAL LEVEL IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT HE HAS BEEN KEPT IN THE DARK. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THE FRG IS RECONSIDERING THE SALE TO GOP IN VIEW OF PERUVIAN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES. CHILEAN DCM IS WELL-INFORMED AND CLAIMS HIS SOURCE IS RELATIVELY GOOD OF GERMAN ORIGIN. HOWEVER, INFORMATION HERE FROM CHILEAN

SOURCES HAS SOMETIMES IN THE PAST BEEN MISLEADING AND/OR
SELF-SERVING. DEPT. MAY WISH TO FOLLOW UP THROUGH BONN.
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